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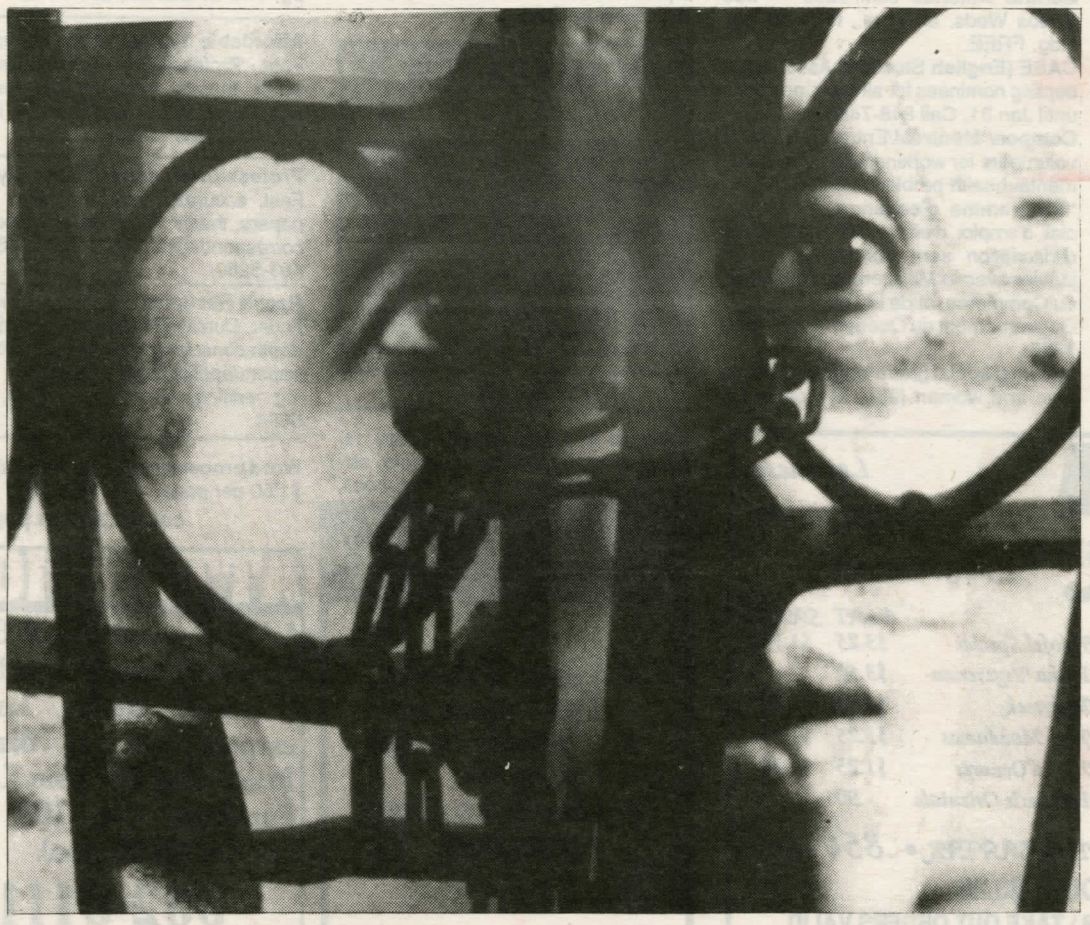

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AGENDA

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Tuesday 23 January

"Who's Been Reading Katherin Mansfield? Some Reflections on Canons, colonies, Critical Judgements, and Literary History." A lecture by Prof. William H. New, English, University of British Columbia. 6:30 pm. rm. 232 Leacock. bldg., McGill.

Q-PIRG Awareness week Jan 23 - 25th, Hall bldg. mezzanine.

Wednesday 24 January

Animal rights day, 10 am - 8 pm, Hall bldg. mezzanine.

Weedless Wednesday Hall bldg. lobby, 11 am - 2 pm.

Thursday 25 January

"Relgious Imagination and Contemporary Fiction", a lecture by Joseph Cunneen, editor of *Cross Currents*. 7302 Sherbrooke St. W., Lonergan college., 848-2280.

Q-PIRG general interest meeting. 4:30 pm, 2130 Mackay (AR101).

General Events

Victorian Paintings in the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, at the Concordia Art Gallery, runs until Feb. 24. Mezz., Hall bldg. 848-3494.

Q-PIRG REFUND - Students who have just started attending school in Jan 1990 can relinquish their membership in Q-PIRG and receive a 20 cents per credit refund. Present yourself in person at 2130 MacKay until Jan. 31 during working hours.

Avoid Bureaucracy: If you need to talk to the CUSA co-presidents, you can call their direct line at 848-7478. If you need to talk to a CUSA exec member, call 848-7483.

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Central America committee — free videos Weds. at 2 pm., rm. 419 Hall bldg. FREE.

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Compeer Montréal/Entre-Amis needs volunteers for working with people with mental health problems. 342-0057.

"Programme d'echange interprovincial d'emploi d'ete 1990," date limite d'inscription sera dorenavant le 26 janvier avec le Ministere de l'Industrie, du Commerce, et de la Technologie du Gouvernement du Quebec. 1-800-463-2355.

Informal social group forming for single men and women (25+) at Concordia. Call Peter 453-5932.

Women's Listings

Women's self-defense. For info 278-1755.

Concordia Women's Collective meetings, Tues at 8:30 pm or Fri. at 4:00 pm. Call 848-7411, or drop in at 2020 Mackay, P-05

Bi-the-way, a discussion group for bisexual women meets every second Friday at Concordia Women's Centre. info: 848-7431

Lesbian Studies coalition of Concordia. Every Wednesday at 2170 Bishop (lounge). 2 p.m. .

Call for submissions. for Women's Centre 'Art Space' show next spring. Theme of exhibit: women and the animals in their lives. Submission deadline for original work is 28 Feb, 1990. Info: Sandra Hewton 848-7431 or 340-1315.

All women interested in attending a conference on *Women: Cultural, Ethnic, Sexual and Political Perspectives*, call the McGill Women's Union, 398-6823.

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Annice Callahan "Simone Weil's Struggle for Peace," a public lecture Jan. 25, 20h00, Rm. 763 Hall bldg. Simone de Beauvoir Institute.

"The Criaw Conference in Yellowknife," a presentation at the Women's Centre. 2020Mackay P-05.

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Concert Hall opens to tune of $4 million

by Stephen Lebovits

What does four million dollars sound like?

The next time you're at the Loyola campus, try to get an earful, because just behind the newly renovated Vanier library is the new Concordia Concert Hall.

The 620-seat, sound oriented building was financed by monies raised through the Capital Campaign, the one dollar per credit fee charged to all Concordia students since 1985 .

Turned over to the university in mid-November, the concert hall was part of the $14 million renovations to the Loyola campus started over two years ago.

"It has the best acoustics of any concert hall in the city, including Place des Arts," said Sherman Friedland, chair of Concordia's music department.

The hall, which was over three months late in completion, still has some kinks left to iron out. "It's still technically not complete, there are minor deficiencies," said Michael DiGrappa, coordinator of physical resources.

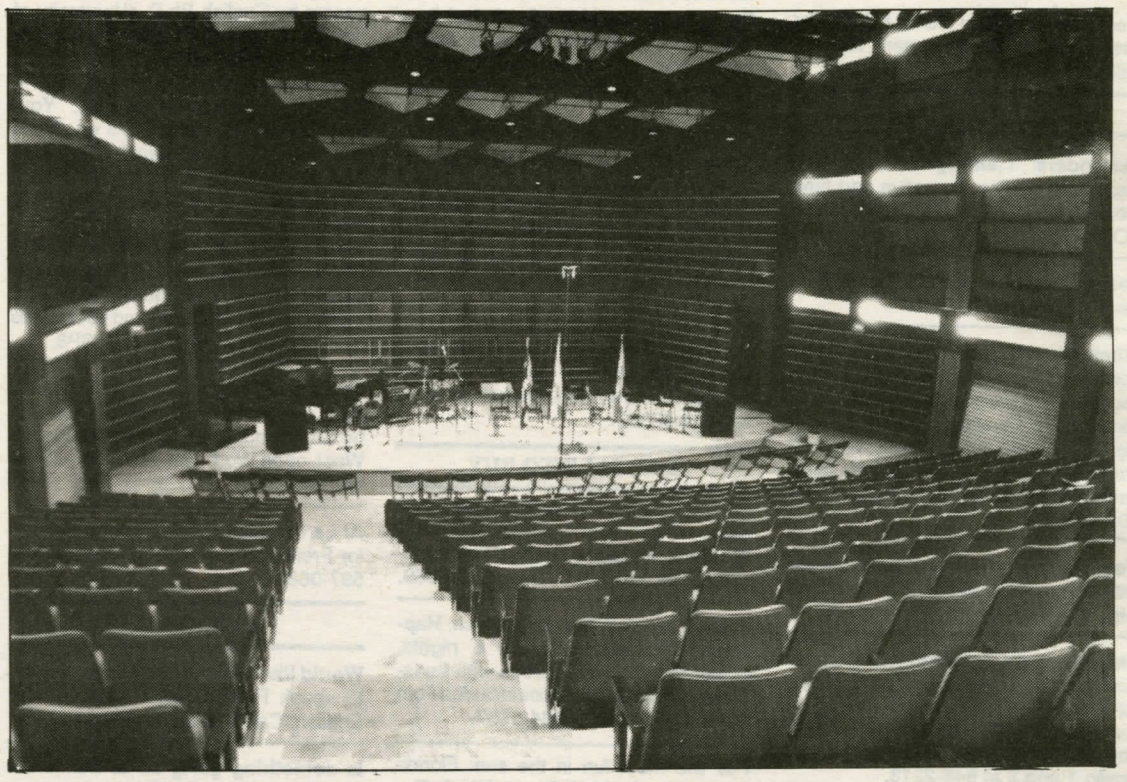
The hall serves a dual purpose: to serve the needs of the university and the surrounding area, and to offer an alternative to schlepping downtown to see a concert. "It's our gift to the community," said Jane Needles, the hall's manager.

Needles said concert tickets will also be cheaper, between $8 and $12, instead of $20-25 for similar shows downtown. She also said performances booked for the hall will be carefully chosen.

"Nobody will play in there unless they're of professional quality," she said. "And we're not bringing in any of the hard rock bands either."

The hall will also be available for rental to the public approximately 100 times a year, for between $700 and $800 a shot.

Although it has already showcased its first concert, the hall will officially open Jan. 27, to a sold-out show featuring I Musici de Montreal.



If all goes well, Rector Kenniff and Claude Ryan will soon be straining to the tune of 'Take a (fee) hike' in this hallowed hall.

Concordia may add tax to your tuition tab

Uncle Kenniff wants your 10%

by Christopher Noxon

Call it an increase to an increase.

Part of the proposed tuition-fee hike now being ironed out by the provincial government is a 10 per cent optional increase to be slapped on by individual universities.

CUSA vp Monique Anchelson is already calling on the university's administrators to drop the ten per cent.

Anchelson says the extra fee is increase overkill, making it even more difficult for students to study in the coming years.

"We're already going to suffer enough with the tutition fee increase," Anchelson said "We have to say 'no.' They should keep tuition as low as possible. We don't need another 10 per cent increase.

Anchelson said she doesn't trust the university with students' money because she's afraid students won't get anything in return.

"We had the $100 materials fee that was slapped on to us .But I haven't seen any new lab equipment or any other services improve," Anchelson said. "They're saying trust us. But we don't trust them with our money. It's almost as if they're laughing in our face."

Anchelson said the extra fee would be particularly hard for Concordia students, a majority of whom are part time and working.

Concordia's administration hasn't yet decided whether to impose the fee, according to public relations director Ken Whittingham.

He said it's too soon to say whether the university will charge students the extra ten per cent. The tuition hike was discussed at the Concordia board of governors meeting on Jan. 17, but Whittingham said a decision was delayed until more information is made available.

Whittingham said the university will have to study the provincial plan before it makes a decision.

"I don't know whether they've gotten down to the specific details concerning where that money is going to go," Whittingham said.

But Luc Rheaume, Education Minister Claude Ryan's press aide, said the provincial plan has been made very clear.

"All that money (the 10 per cent) will go to the individual schools which decide to charge it," he said. "Concordia can decide to charge five per cent or the full 10 per cent. That will be their decision and their money."

Rheaume said the extra charge is a way of making up for the underfunding of some universites.

"The financing of some universites is very bad," he said. "So if students want to improve their quality of education, this 10 per cent will help them do so."

Ryan directed universities last December to raise tuition by $700 over the next two years. Rheaume said the government will not take any of the money. He said 80 per cent of the money will go straight back into university funding and 20 per cent will go towards the loans and bursaries program.

Jeff Begley, external coordinator of ANEEQ—Quebec's largest student federation— said the 10 per cent university charge is part of a long term plan to deregulate tuition fees.

"The 10 per cent is in the goal of allowing each university to set their own tuition fees," he said. "It's a first step."

Under the provincial plan, Begley said "high profile" universities like McGill and Laval will quickly become too overpriced for most sudents.

"This will create an education system where in order to become rich, you have to be rich," he said. "In order to get into a program which promises a high salary later on, you have to have lots of money to get in."

"The scary part of that ten per cent increase is it begins to create universities for the rich and universities for the poor.

This ten per cent will create ghettos of study. And the next step after that is complete privatization."

Schools tug at private purse

by Tod K. Maffin

NORTH VANCOUVER (CUP)-

Privatization is infiltrating our education system and will quickly become one of the most important student concerns in the upcoming year, says a British Columbia politician.

Nanaimo MLA Dale Lovick said post-secondary education is being privatized in stages.

"The government is reluctant to do too much because that would declare war,"the NDP privatization critic said. "And I suspect they would lose that war."

"If we get into the private sector," warns Canadian Federation of Students chair Jane Arnold, "then one has to ask how much influence the private sector will have on what is being taught."

In 1988, 48 Canadian post-secondary schools – including Concordia – ran campaigns to raise $485 million in corporate and private donations. Last year, that figure jumped to 56 institutions looking for $720 million.

"There certainly is a trend towards being interested in private funding," said Association of Canadian Colleges executive director Tom Norton.

Vancouver's Simon Fraser University is an example of this trend. Now in its second year of operation, the $10 million downtown campus was built entirely from individual and corporate donations. It attracts business executives who are looking for upgraded education.

Educators still jokingly refer to it as "Yuppie U."

But Lovick sees a dangerous precedent being set. "If it is the case that the commercial and financial establishment of British Columbia agrees to fund all kinds of things at Simon Fraser, what can happen is they could have a well-funded business and economics program, but [could neglect] the fine arts?" he asked.

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A sign of the times?

Activist arrested at synagogue

by Mike Orsini

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Jansen will appear in a Cote-Saint-Luc courtroom today to face charges of disturbing the peace during a pro-Israeli rally at a synagogue last April.

He had held up a sheet of paper with the words "Protest Israeli human rights abuses" scrawled in black felt marker.

The Concordia graduate originally went to the synagogue to distribute leaflets at an emergency political rally organized by the Canada-Israel Committee and other Jewish groups to denounce Canada's decision to forge contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The leaflets called upon Jews to support human rights activists in Israel.

"Support Israeli human rights activists. Stop Israeli government human rights abuses. If you support human rights you should protest. Israel is more likely to listen to Jews of the diaspora who protest abuses than to non-Jews," the leaflet read.

But before entering the synagogue, police told him a municipal bylaw forbade him from distributing leaflets without a permit.

"The cops did not want to let me in because I wasn't Jewish," Jansen said. "But they finally did when I showed them the Gazette ad which did not indicate restricted attendance."

Jansen's bag of 100 leaflets was confiscated by the police before he entered the synagogue, but he managed to sneak in a bag with a few sheets of paper and a marker used to pen his message.

"I made a sign right then and there," he said. "But I didn't expect any trouble at all. I held the sign quietly in front of me and remained seated."

A man in the audience immediately approached him and told him to leave. Another man then snatched the paper out of his hand and crumpled it up. Jansen yelled "Help! help!"

"The policewoman, Mona Cotton, there then told me to get out and I said 'No, I have every right to be here'" he said. "Nobody's allowed to pull you and touch you if you don't want them to."

Jansen said he didn't want to be charged with resisting arrest, so he complied. But he said the charge of disturbing the peace was provoked by the audience member who ripped the paper out of his hand.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, one of the speakers at the political rally last April 5, said he was upset to learn Jansen was arrested, although he found his intervention "inappropriate" at a pro-Israel rally.

"We asked them (the police) not to press charges," Poupko said in a telephone interview from his home.

But Jansen suspects the synagogue pressured the Cote-Saint Luc police to press charges under the criminal code, not municipal bylaws.

Pierre Biard, Station 15's crime prevention counsellor, would not comment on the details of the case, but said the synagogue requested increased police surveillance that day.

"They were scared that something was going to happen," Biard said. "It was not a case of circumstance (that so many police cars were there)."

Poupko maintains that the decision to beef up surveillance was made by the police station, not the synagogue.

Jansen also lashed out at the rabbi's address to the audience, calling it Poupko's "nationalistic bit for the country."

Poupko reportedly told the audience that non-Jews who kept silent while Jews were being murdered during the Holocaust have no moral credibility to criticize what a Jew does.

The rabbi would not confirm or deny the statement, saying he doesn't remember what he said over nine months ago.

According to a January report released by human rights group Amnesty International, more than 560 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli security forces since the "Intifada" or uprising began in Dec. 87.

Poupko called these killings "aberrations" and "mistakes made by soldiers ."

"Israel is a moral society," he said. "They're in a lousy neighborhood of the world."

But Jansen said Jews must stand up to the violence perpetrated by the Israeli government, pointing to Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

"This changed my vision of Israel from victim to victimizer," he said.

Arresting officers Robert Bertrand and Mona Cotton were both unavailable for comment.

Cops mill about synagogue fearing trouble at pro-Israeli rally.

New drug 'ice' to hit Montreal

The deep freeze

by Christopher Noxon

It's being called ice, crystal, LA ice, super ice, and super crystal.

One hit from a short, glass pipe produces a high lasting 24 hours. It's killed 36 people in Hawaii alone and is poised to hit Montreal within the next year.

The drug, a smokable form of the amphetamine Crystal Methamphetamine, has already found its way to Toronto and Ottawa.

Detective Claude Morin of the MUC Narcotics Squad says reports of ice in Montreal are premature.

"As far as I'm concerned, we have no ice in Montreal," Morin said. "But don't worry, we'll get it."

Police say they have received three anonymous tips in the last month that the drug is being sold in Montreal. But undercover officers haven't been able to find the drug.

Morin said it's only a matter of time before the drug arrives in Montreal. And when it does, he said, the city will be in trouble.

"It won't be the end of the world, but not far from it," he said. "I would consider it to be the biggest problem this city will ever face."

Ice is a rock form of the drug crystal meth ("crank"), smoked in the same straight, glass pipe used to smoke cocaine's solid derivitive, crack. In most cases, the drug is 90 per cent pure. One tenth of a gram is reported to cost fifty dollars.

Morin says the danger of ice is its long-lasting high. While the effects of one hit of crack range from eight to 20 minutes, the ice high lasts anywhere from six to 30 hours. Ice is also much more addictive than crack, taking only one to three hits for physical dependancy to develop.

Ice is reported to cause a much less intense high than other drugs. It doesn't give a "rush" like crack, hallucinations like LSD, or violent outbursts like PCP. But prolonged use floods the brain with dopamine, a natural chemical the brain produces. Many users tend to display symptoms similar to those seen in schizophrenics.

In Hawaii, where the drug was first produced and sold in the late seventies, the medical examiner reports thirty-six deaths resulting from ice use since 1985.

Narcotics Anonymous officials here in Montreal report that they have not yet admitted anyone with an ice problem.

Greg Nolan, director of the Phoenix Foundation, a Montreal drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, said he hasn't treated anyone on ice.

"I've heard its here," Nolan said. "But all I've heard is rumors. We don't know what it does to the body and mind. But I've heard the high lasts for something like two days. So I imagine it will be very hard to treat."

Unlike crack, ice is completely artificial. It can be manufactured in small home labaratories with easily available chemicals and equipment.

Detective Morin expects the drug to be made and distributed locally. "It will be so easy to make it in our territory that they won't risk bringing it in from the outside," he said.

He says the people most likely to deal ice are those who have experience with existing chemical drugs like PCP and LSD.

Ice is reported to be overtaking crack as the most serious drug problem in Hawaii, the coasts of the United States and up into Toronto, according to a recent article in *Spin* magazine.

American Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) head William Bennett has said that "smokable methamphetamine will be the drug plague of the 1990s."

Montreal police are no less alarmed. "I'd say we have a year maximum before this becomes a noticeable problem," Morin said. "But we're lucky here to have a head start on it, to know what's coming."

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Canadian peace worker shares her horror story with McGil audience.

Canadian recounts Salvadoran horror

by Marc Wills

In the 12 hours she was held prisoner by El Salvador's feared Treasury police last November, Winnipeg native Karen Ridd was blindfolded, handcuffed, beaten about the head; and interrogated.

She also heard the screams of prisoners being tortured in adjoining cells.

Ridd, 28, was released on Nov. 21 along with her Colombian coworker Marcela Diaz on the day of their arrest by the Salvadoran military.

"They wanted to get rid of us because of international pressure," Ridd explained in a speech at McGill on Monday.

As a Peace Brigades International worker in El Salvador— a Central American country ravaged by ten years of civil war— Ridd acted as an unarmed bodyguard for human rights workers and trade union officials whose lives were threatened daily by right-wing death squads linked to the country's military.

From February to November 1989, Ridd stood watch over a teachers' union office and accompanied union officials on their rounds. "Death squads don't want witnesses, particularly foreign witnesses, to their killings," she said. "They also have to worry about the political cost of an internationalist being killed."

Peace Brigade workers equipped with cameras to document human rights abuses have been moderately successful in keeping the death squads at bay, she said.

Last November, one week after six Jesuit priests were murdered by the Salvadoran military, Ridd was arrested along with four other foreign Peace Brigade workers in a dawn raid by government troops.

Ridd and the others were released the same day on orders from Salvadoran president Alfredo Cristiani. But ten Salvadoran church workers arrested at the same time as well as another Canadian peace worker were held for four weeks and tortured before their release without being charged.

"We were lucky, we were foreigners," she said about herself and other Peace Brigade workers. Salvadorans are subjected to more gruesome measures, she added.

Ridd spoke with sadness of her closest friend in El Salvador, Daysi Alonzo, 27, a woman who worked with a union for the unemployed. Last April, Alonzo was arrested by the military and held for four weeks during which she was raped and tortured repeatedly by a method known as "capucho."

In "capucho," a bag lined with lime is placed over a prisoner's head. If they breathe in, the lime burns their lungs. If they pass out, their captors awaken them with water or acid before repeating the procedure. Alonzo suffered this torture six times before being released, Ridd explained.

Last week, Ridd learned that Alonzo had been killed by the Salvadoran military.

"It only increases the cycle of violence," Ridd said. "The people are terrified after ten years of war (in which 72,000 people have died). They're hungering for a peace...a peace with justice."

NATO not flying high

by Andrea Bain

Close to 85 per cent of Innu back the proposed expansion of a NATO military base in their homeland of Nitassinan, Canada's ambassador to the West's military alliance told a group of Concordia students last Friday.

But the claim is groundless, a Native rights group says.

Paula Braitstein, of McGill's Friends of First Nations (FFN), advises caution when dealing with facts released by the military. "That's like asking McDonald's if they make good hamburgers," she said.

"We don't have a percentage, but there are less than 10 000 Innu there, and 3 000 of them are either directly or indirectly affected [by low-level flights]," Braitstein said.

The proposal would see an increase in low-level military jet flights from the current 7000 per year to 40 000. Canada and Turkey are both bidding for the base: a decision is expected soon.

The Innu have objected to the flights over Labrador — or Nitassinan — since they began, maintaining that the planes' noise causes physical and psychological damage to both humans and wildlife.

Ambassador Gordon Smith concedes the noise is "awful, but what I don't understand is that the caribou herds have tripled after low level flying commenced in 1979."

The Innu, in fact, have noted erratic changes in caribou migratory patterns, which they blame on the test flights.

Smith defended plans to convert the base in Goose Bay, Nfld. into a fully-equipped NATO training centre.

"We cannot give up our military preparedness," he said, referring to NATO's position given the current changes in Eastern Europe. "Canada must be involved in Europe as it was in both world wars."

Smith said opposition to the base is a pressure tactic to force the federal government into land claim negotiations.

The Innu have already watched the Department of National Defence (DND) appropriate a good deal of land for bombing ranges and training areas. They have never signed away any land through treaties or agreements, and consequently see military presence in Nitassinan as trespass.

"Some of the people are engaged in traditional hunting," Smith said. "But all they have to do is tell us where they'll be hunting and there won't be any low-level flying in that area."

"Avoidance doesn't work," counters Raphael Gregoire, an Innu representative. "We've tried to keep the military informed about when we would be in the country, but we're still flown over."

Smith claims that if low-level testing was stopped, the Goose Bay area would suffer massive unemployment.

The expansion, he says, would give the federal government an incentive to fulfill its NATO commitments, which currently stand at five per cent of the Gross National Product.

A DND-commissioned environmental study, released last November, called most of the negative impacts on the land and wildlife either "negligible" or "effectively mitigated." The Innu, however, want a new study with independent experts to look at the issue.

Resources against racism

The Lesbian Studies Coalition of Concordia is a student group aimed at promoting Lesbian Studies in education. Part of our agenda is to examine intersections between racism and heterosexism. How are these universal systems of oppression used separately and together to oppress us? How is mainstream education contributing to these oppressions by conscious and unconscious ommission of certain texts, authors or perspectives?

Following is a list of resources, all available at Concordia, for students, staff or faculty who wish to take an active role in the re-education away from racism, from heterosexism and sexism.

SdeB — Simone de Beauvoir reading room, 2170 Bishop Street, 3rd floor.

Books

• Bulkin, Elly, Minnie Bruce-Pratt and Barbara Smith. *Yours in Struggle: Three Feminist Perspectives on Anti-Semitism and Racism*. New York: Long Haul Press, 1984. (DS 145 B85+ NOR, VAN)

• Beck, Evelyn Torton (ed.) *Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology*. Trumansburg, New York: The Crossing Press, 1985. (SdeB)

• Lorde, Audre. *Sister Outsider*. Trumansburg, New York: The Crossing Press, 1984. (PS 3562 O75S5 VAN, SdeB)

Essays on feminist theory from a black lesbian's perspective. Lorde has numerous other books in print, poetry and essays.

• Moraga, Cherrie and Gloria Anzaldua (eds.) *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Colour*. Watertown, Mass.: Persephone Press, 1981. (PS 509 T5F44 VAN, SdeB)

Collection of essays, short stories and poetry relating the experiences and political analysis of Native, Black, Chicana, Asian, Latina American women and lesbians. See especially, chapter "Between the Lines: On Culture, Class, and Homophobia".

• Roberts, J.R. *Black Lesbians*. Tallahassee: Naiad Press, 1981. (SdeB)

An annotated bibliography of resources and photographs on and by Black lesbians. Subject headings include: Oppression, Resistance and Liberation, Music and Musicians, Literature and Criticism, Periodicals, Popular Studies, etc..

Authors to Consider

Cheryl Clarke	Naomi Littlebear
Angelina Weld Grimke	Suniti Namjoshi
Zora Neale Hurston	Chrystos
Dionne Brand	Michele Cliff
Paula Gunn Allen	Ann Allen Shockley
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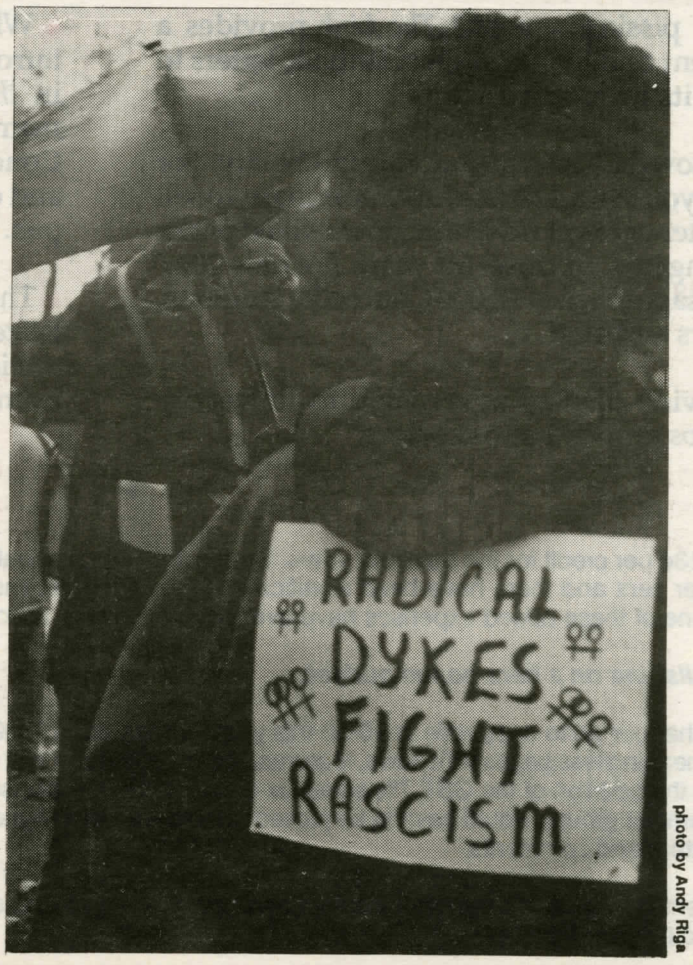

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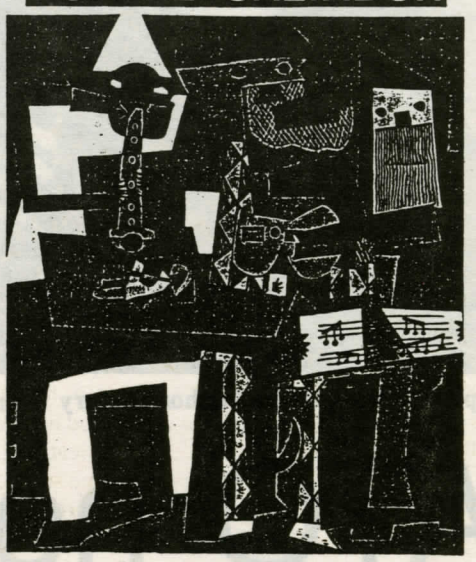

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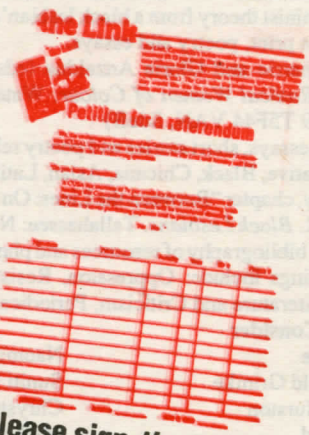

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Guilty until proven innocent

by Robert Douglas and Marcos Townsend

Scapegoating Blacks for rape, murder and theft is supposed to be a thing of the past.

A staged murder-robbery in Boston, and the well-publicized Central Park sexual assault, prove otherwise.

The American police, prosecutors and media created a climate of guilt that tried the Black suspects before they even appeared in court.

Last April and October, these two apparently cut and dried crimes took place. Both were brutal and allegedly committed by blacks against whites. They received much attention from the media and stirred emotions of sympathy and rage.

In Boston, Carol Stuart, seven months pregnant, was shot through the back of the head. Her husband was shot in the stomach. Carol died in the hospital the same day. Her baby, delivered by caesarean section, died 17 days later. Charles Stuart lived to tell the tale of how he and his wife were mugged and shot by a Black man.

Boston police used little restraint in scouring Black neighbourhoods for the perpetrator. Between Oct. 24 and 28, over 200 "stop and frisk" searches were conducted every day, community leaders said. In the Mission Hill area, where the crime took place, doors were kicked in and Black men spoke of public strip searches and repeated interrogations.

The *Boston Globe* called the Stuart couple's love one that "warmed even those at its edges." The *Boston Herald* called them the "Camelot couple."

But Charles Stuart had taken the whole country for a well-planned ride. Stuart knew that the Mission Hill area was what *the Montreal Gazette* called "a lively mixture of blacks, whites and Hispanics... consistently identified as one of the most dangerous parts of town."

Within a week of the shooting, police Supt. Joseph Saia said the list of suspects had been narrowed to a "chosen few" Blacks. Although the district attorney's office now says Charles Stuart was always a suspect, they were not actively investigating him.

By Nov. 20, William Bennett was named the main suspect in the case. Before a specially convened grand jury, one witness claimed to have seen Bennett carrying a gun in the area where the shooting took place that night. Another witness said Bennett admitted to him that he had shot the Stuarts.

In fact, Stuart, with the aid of his brother Matthew, staged the "robbery." Fortunately for Bennett, Matthew implicated his brother in the murder. After learning that he had become a prime suspect in the case, Charles Stuart leapt to his death off Boston's Tobin Bridge.

The case of a white victim of black crime is easy for the system to swallow. So Stuart, a white man, used our society's racist assumptions to get away with killing his wife to collect her insurance policy.

Last week, the *New York Daily News* raised doubts about the guilt of a group of African-American and Latino youths who confessed to the assault and rape of a female jogger in Central Park. The case seemed air-tight, but an FBI report has shown, among other things, that none of the DNA from blood and semen samples match those of the accused.

In an interview with the *N.Y. Amsterdam News*, defense lawyer Alton Maddox said after the Manhattan district attorney's office obtained indictments against the youths for rape, sodomy, rioting and assault, officials "secretly secured a blood sample from the (jogger's) boyfriend."

Maddox said the DA's office also secretly obtained a court order to drop the boyfriend's name from the FBI report before it was given to defense attorneys.

"This is illegal... he is not a victim. It is vital to the defense who the boyfriend is," said Rev. Al Sharpton, spokesperson for the United African Movement.

"The crucial thing is the jogger never told her story," he said. "They claim she cannot remember. The police constructed her story."

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau denies Maddox's allegations. Morgenthau said the name was cut out because the boyfriend was not considered a target of the probe.

The DA acknowledged that the only DNA match found was with the boyfriend. "While none of the DNA samples match, it doesn't take them (the accused) out of the case," a DA official said.

If the youths are found innocent they will have to live with having been called "mutants" and "animals" in a full-page ad run in the *New York Times* by billionaire developer Donald Trump.

"It is inhumane the way the whole world came down on these fellows. We are not condoning what happened, but it is a double tragedy if they have the wrong person in jail," Sharpton said.

"Certainly the African-American community should look out for their own," he said.

"In Bensonhurst , where Yusef Hawkins, a young African-American boy was killed (by a gang of whites who attacked him without provocation last year), [the white community] collected money in tin cans and went door-to-door, raising over $400,000 to defend the perpetrators of the vicious crime."

photo by Andy Riga

Club accepts police racism

by kathleen leahy

Monday Night is definitely a Café Campus night. And why not? If you want to dance to hip hop, reggae, funk, salsa and African rhythms, it's the place to be. But you have to overlook the fact that the police have decided Café Campus is *in* and Dunkin' Donuts is *out* on Monday nights.

What's the problem? Could it be that reggae music has suddenly become more fascinating than hogging down Munchkins? If only.

According to a letter handed out by the Campus staff in early December, the scene on Mondays was too tense. The music selection apparently attracts some drug-pushing characters. The Campus decided to shut down Monday night rhyhm, stating in the letter that the crowd failed to heed successive warnings about drug dealings. No one was amused except the cops who could now return to donut haven.

Drug deals do go down at the Campus. But they go down every night at most clubs. It just so happens that the police and the club targeted Monday night. The night which has had, in the last few months, a large turnout of black youth from uptown, who have come in to support a selection of music not readily available in this city.

Anyone who has regularly checked out the club on Monday nights witnessed increasing police activity this fall. One night, I saw the cops harrassing three young black men trying to take a cab. The driver was also black. The police could not find anything, but continued to frisk, question and intimidate these people. Insidious? Oh, did I forget to mention racist?

Another night, near closing time, over ten police officers filed in, wearing bullet-proof vests with their guns drawn. Why? Beats me. There was no overt conflict at any time that night. They were just letting their presence be known.

Closing down Monday nights smacks of racism. Neither the club, nor the police are worried about the other nights that drug activity is taking place. On Tuesdays, retro night, for example, drugs are bought and sold in the same manner as on Monday nights. Oh, I see... it's *who* sells it that counts.

It's not a new idea that the police equate certain criminal activity with certain groups of people...

The police filing in with their guns drawn is a reminder of the racism of the Montreal Police Force. Yes, it reminds us that guns are often drawn solely on account of colour, as in the fatal shooting of Anthony Griffin.

Let's face it; crowd control and "keeping of the peace" becomes a higher priority when the crowd gains colour. The Campus says the scene was too tense; but for whom? Could it be that a predominantly black crowd is making some members of our community uncomfortable?

The collective at the Campus had been harassed into reproducing the racism that our "protectors" are notorious for.

The right to be in a club with your identifiable group is not always at the top of the list of problems facing people of colour... But the Campus situation is symptomatic of gross targeting of minorities as the "criminal element" in an otherwise "fair" and "just" system. It may be a slight symptom, but it does not go unnoticed.

As of Jan.15, Café Campus reinstated black rhythms on Monday nights. The music is back in, but the crowd that once supported it is not. This explains why there weren't any cops, either. So now there's no conflict, but that doesn't mean that there is acceptance. Hopefully, in the coming weeks the police will continue to chill out andstay at Dunkin' Donuts.

In the mean time, you may well ask who is protecting us from them?

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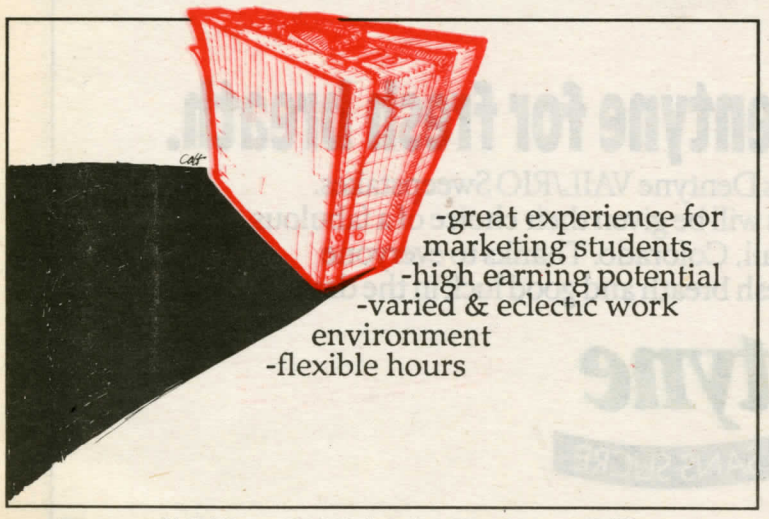

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'Still ignorant as hell'

The walls say hate

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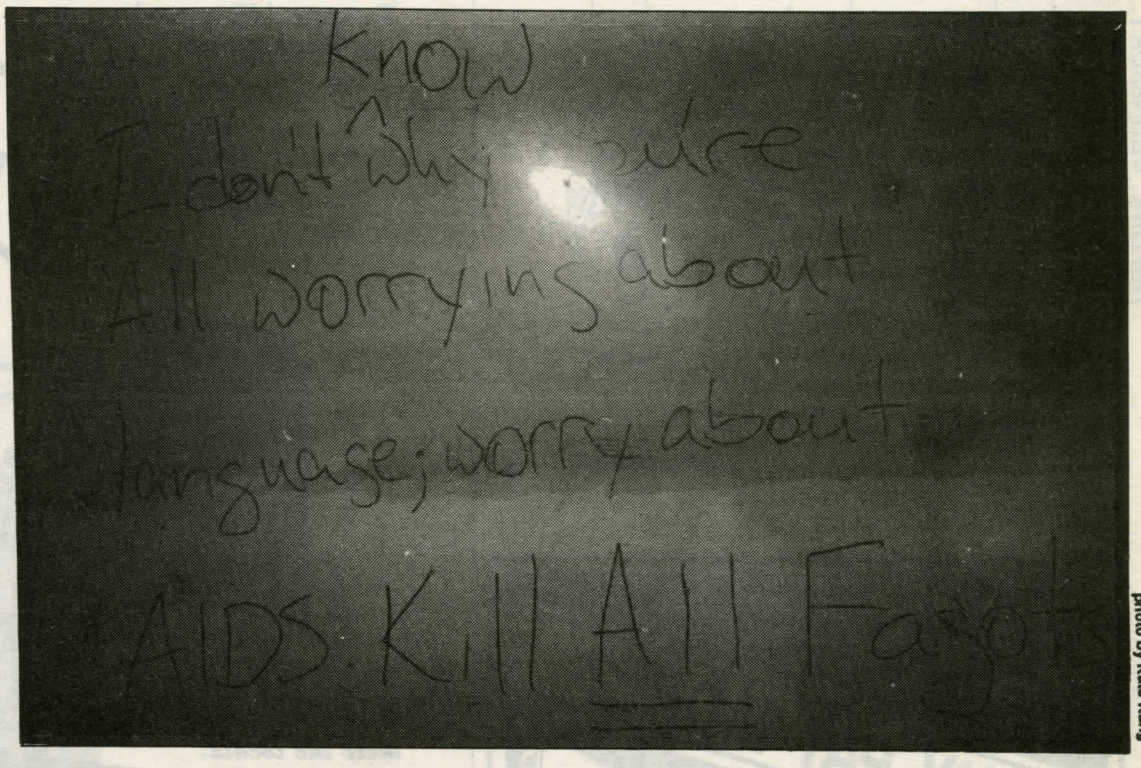

photo by Kate Kung

by Mitch Albert

Concordia students can see the writing on the wall — and it contains something to offend nearly everybody. Hate graffiti, from the violent to the idiotic, is proliferating on the walls of bathrooms on both campuses.

It seems to be a largely male phenomenon. The sort of savagely warped anti-eloquence that appears on the men's walls is virtually nonexistent elsewhere. The walls of the women's bathrooms, for the most part, are spared the deluded ravings of marginal punditry.

Women, Blacks, Jews, and gays are the favored targets of men's room bigots, but the perceived merits and shortcomings of all races and creeds are discussed freely.

"(Graffiti) is an almost maniacal type of expression that really indicates the nature of alienation generated by a racist and sexist society," says Chengiah Ragaven, a Concordia sociology professor specializing in race relations.

Concordia's campuses are teeming with water-closet Goebbels. The interior of toilet stalls in every building often resembles a New York subway or the Berlin Wall in the volume of scrawled material, if not its originality.

"I don't think too much is being made of this," says Maiga Saidou of Also Known As X (AKAX), a Montreal Black activist group. "Racism is not one person writing on a wall, it's an attitude in general society. People know that when they do certain things they can get away with it."

Blank walls have always held the same irresistible attraction for fringe philosophers that the blank page has held for the writer.

The bathroom wall guarantees to anyone with a message to spread anonymity, an audience, and — barring regular scrubdowns — a warped immortality.

Anonymous hatemongering is done by "people with the need to express themselves, but who don't feel they are being listened to," suggests Marjorie Northrup, a Montreal psychotherapist. "They don't want to have to stand by what they say, so they write where no one can see them," says Northrup. "They're fearful and insecure."

"Each one dwells on the other and they get support from each other," says Ragaven. "(Hate graffiti) is extremely dangerous."

"It appears to be on the increase," says Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia (LGFC) member Yvon Provencher of anti-gay graffiti. "But there's no big event that would justify this. It'll probably go down."

Jacob Benedek of the Concordia Jewish Students' Union (CJSU), suggests a more vigilant approach be taken by the university toward reducing the graffiti. "I realize it's expensive," he says. "But anytime stuff like this happens it shouldn't be left up there."

According to Physical Plant operations manager/housekeeper Bill Gerecun, Concordia maintenance is on the job. "We usually do clean it up, but the thing is, it comes back," says Gerecun. "All public areas are done every night. The janitors are supposed to wash out the cubicles when they see [graffiti], but sometimes they can't.

"We have a bitch of a time getting it off."

Another aspect of enlightened humanity, moronic graffiti will endure like a dose of the clap. Washing away the scrawls will not wash away the violent racism, sexism, homophobia, and fear that lie beneath the surface of the wall.

This weekend I stabbed a nigger and watched him bleed.

The writings exude such matter-of-fact hatred that the voices of the wallscrawlers are often almost audible.

The tables are often turned with retaliatory graffiti. One comment inspires another, and so on.

Why are white people so boring?
Wops smell like pepperoni.
But they don't stink like wasps.
Fuck you, you salami-sucking gino.

"(Retaliatory comments) are definitely not the way to respond," says Benedek. "They contribute to the problem, not the solution."

"Writing something contradictory might be one form of retaliation," says Saidou. "I don't think writing something against whites is necessarily the solution. It depends on the appropriateness of the comment."

Provencher condones positive responses.

"I wouldn't call it retaliatory, just an answering-to," he says. "It's very good... guys are writing back, saying 'I'm a member of this group and no, there's nothing wrong with what I do'.

"It's almost like coming out."

The French-English language debate gets a lot of wall time. As in the 'real world' outside the walls, misunderstandings are to be had.

Vous êtes des traiteurs (sic) au Canada - mort aux idiotes qui veulent détruire mon pays.

Fuck you pepper - if I ever found this frog wimp I would kill him and laugh.

Fuck you cocksucker. The French have been here for years - who are you, probably some cocksucking immagrant (sic).

Dr. Needa Mashal, a clinical psychologist at the Concordia Applied Psychology Centre, thinks the graffiti is "a crazy form of communication.

"I suppose it's a safe way to vent some feelings," she says, "but I have no idea if they go beyond bathroom walls."

According to a federal report, 85 per cent of Canadians harbour some degree of racism.

You may call me a pedophile, but I had sex with a13 year old girl (nearly an entire wall is taken up by the description thereof).

It is a deluge. Endless epithets and disparagements are punctuated occasionally by wild scrawls full of aggression or by bizarre rants, such as the devotee of '*Logan*' who advises us to *Abandon Social Studies and Learn His Word.*

People — whether with misplaced gripes or repressed impulses — will always play Speaker's Corner with the rest of the toilet-using public as captive audiences.

Scary, eh? University education and still as ignorant as hell..

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Than sit with a nigger.

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Lease them to mice and roaches than
Brook tenants that are not blond.
His doctor says your skin rubs off
Brown on whitewashed walls.

The professor gives you an A
With a shower of praises
Before discovering the oddness
Of your name. Intellectual prudence
Dictates that certain marks do not go up
With certain names.
So he gives you a D
To match your name.

A firm's board bemoans a lack of hands
You dust your C.V., and your coat and tie,
Black shoes to match and a glass-smooth shave
(So you don't look like a Communist).
The personnel tease you with one or two questions
And promise to call. You fasten the telephone
To your ears but the talking magic is mute.
Now listen, there must be something
In your skin that makes jobs disappear.

Powell and Duke and the crossburners
Shout Africa is home of the negro
Ship them back, all of them
Except a few to
cut our cane
pick our cotton
man our blast furnaces
tend our young
sweep our streets
carry our excreta
The rest ship back where they daily boost
The yield of our foreign orchard.

In the streets kids take furtive looks
Hey, mama, look the nigger boy
Their mothers shoot a scanty grin at you.
Over the potato and cabbage of dinner
And in the insulated security of their castle
They tell the kids:
That man you saw is
A descendant of Kunta Kunte.

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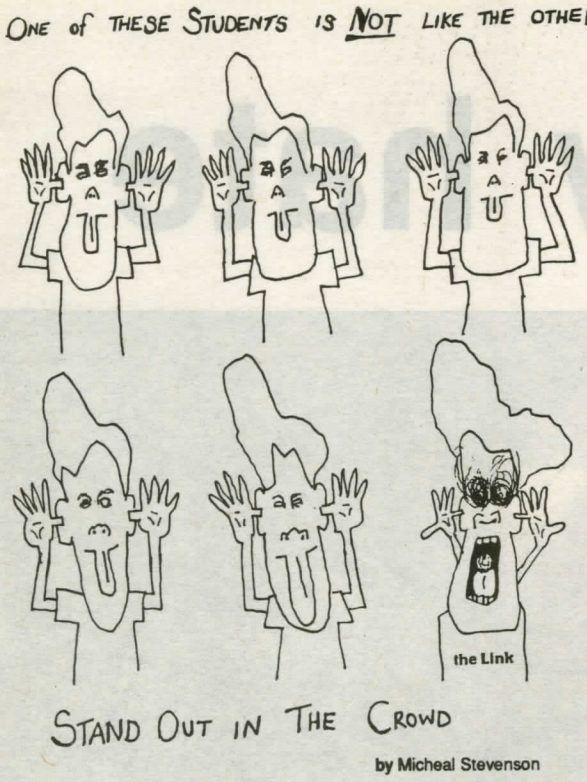

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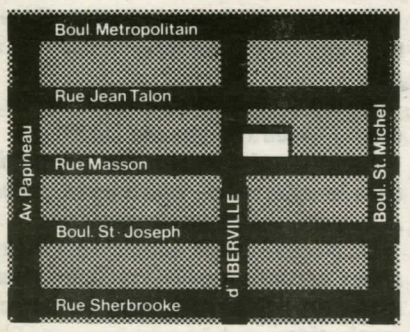

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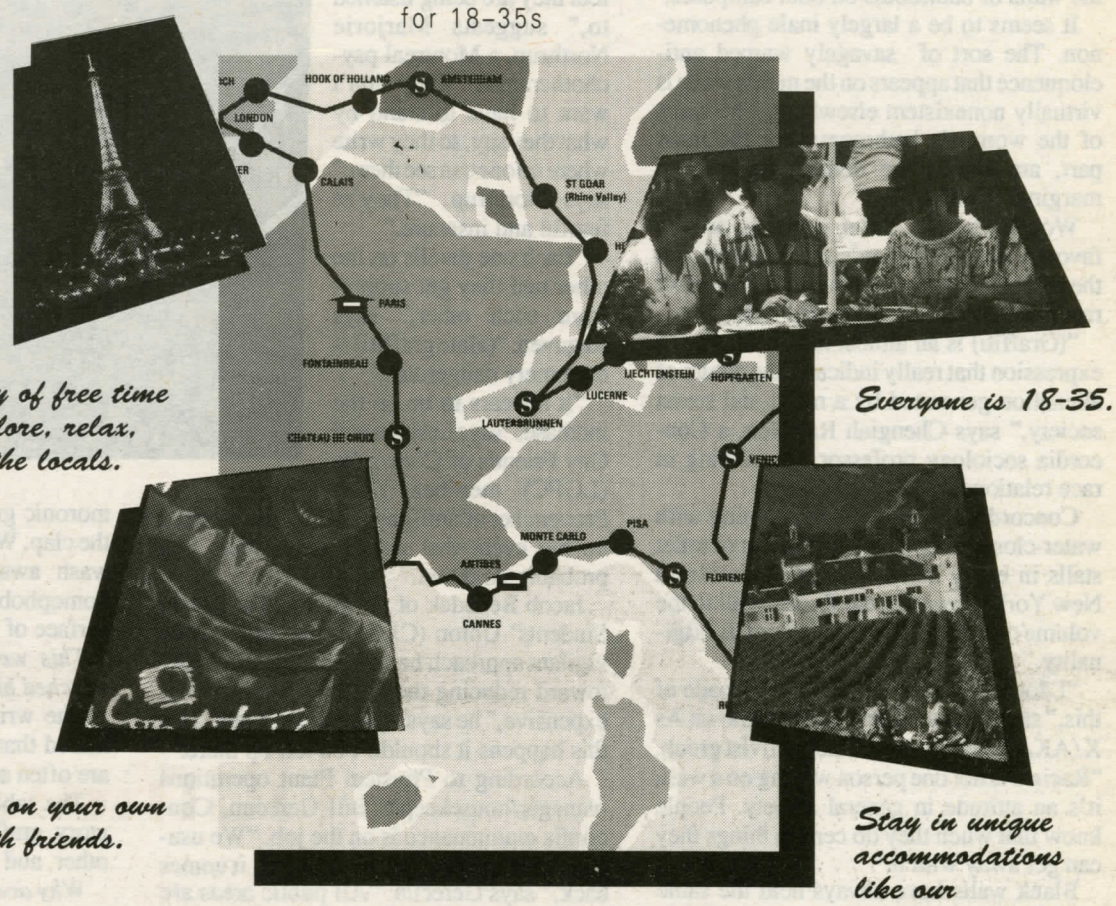

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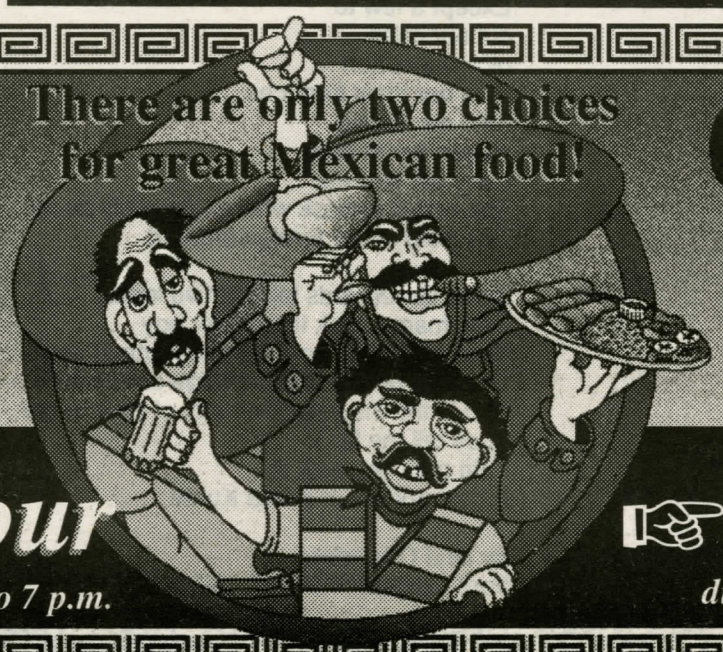

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Don't look far for racism

by Bill Dunn

Totgeslagen: "beaten to death." *Totgeschwiegen*: "silenced to death."

These words appear on plaques placed in some of the former Nazi concentration camps. They are dedicated to the gay people who suffered and died in these camps solely because of their sexual orientation. I cannot think of a more concise way to describe the discrimination faced not only by lesbians and gay men, but by all oppressed people.

Totgeslagen refers to violent attacks on people for reasons such as the colour of their skin, their religion or their sexual orientation.

Totgeschwiegen refers to the exclusion and marginalization of certain groups from society. The histories and literatures of women, people of colour, gay and lesbian people and many other groups have until very recently been almost completely suppressed. Even now these must be traced, published and studied separately, apart from what has traditionally been viewed as 'worthy'. Indeed, for many people, reading newspapers, watching television and seeing movies serve as constant reminders that they are ignored and excluded. *Totgeschwiegen*.

Growing up in the southern United States, I often saw overt racism and discrimination. But, I have noticed that many people here believe that racism and discrimination do not exist outside of places like the southern United States or South Africa and are not very serious.

Certainly, it is not true that racists are rare here, just as it is not true that all people in the South hold such beliefs. Racism and discrimination exist everywhere in various forms and degrees. The major difference I see is that some southern people are not ashamed to admit their feelings, so more overt confrontations and violent attacks result.

But there is no need to look beyond Montreal for violent examples of racism and discrimination. Remember Anthony Griffin. Remember Joe Rose. Remember the fourteen women murdered at the Université de Montréal. *Totgeslagen*.

Denying that discrimination exists here, or anywhere, allows them to flourish. It is for this reason that Students Taking Action to Network Against Discrimination (STAND) has been organized. STAND sponsors various events to lead people to confront racism and discrimination within society and within themselves. It is hoped that such feelings can begin to be broken down once they are acknowledged.

The events and activities sponsored by STAND hopefully will help us realize that behind all the stereotypes applied to certain groups are people like you and me — people who, to use the words of the Dutch poet Jacob Israël de Haan, have "such an unlimited longing for friendship."

Concordia's Anti-Apartheid Committee

Apartheid's facelift

In the process of changing clothes, the apartheid regime has turned political somersaults. Once, the ANC was called a "terrorist" organisation full of "criminals." The government changed their tune to say the ANC must "renounce violence as a precondition for the release of Nelson Mandela." Now, they suggest the ANC must make a commitment to peace.

The Black people of South Africa know exactly what violence means, they have been subjected to it for over three centuries. Who, then, should be renouncing violence?

In the same breath, South African president De Klerk says apartheid will go and then assures his supporters that one person/one vote is not acceptable. The oppressed people of South Africa are not struggling to amend the apartheid system, but to destroy it. True liberation must entail a shift in power relations. All South Africans must be involved in the political process on an equal basis. We should shape society collectively.

The meaning of democracy is people's rule — people's power — and not sugar-coated apartheid. The De Klerk regime certainly has no intention of tampering with the fundamentals of racial domination and inequality.

Apartheid is expensive, requiring heavy defense and security spending. "Security", in South African terminology, means protection of the Whites. The costs of this system are rising to unsustainable levels since increasing popular resistance is met with more repressive measures.

South Africa's back is against the wall. International economic sanctions have been extremely mild, but the cost of sanctions have compounded the cost of apartheid.

The regime is now showing a certain degree of pliability as a result of international pressure, sanctions and pressure from the mass democratic movement and the armed struggle.

Yet, all the pillars of apartheid remain intact. At this point in time, under De Klerk's rule, almost 200 patriots are on death row. Activist Mangena Jeffrey was recently executed.

- 27 people were shot dead by racist police on Sept. 6, baptising De Klerk's regime in blood;
- a state of emergency remains imposed;
- De Klerk has shown no sign of withdrawing the Labour Relations Amendment Act, anti-worker legislation.

Therefore, we, the oppressed people of South-Africa call for:

- the unconditional release of Mandela and the hundreds of fighters imprisoned for taking part in the struggle;
- the unconditional release of all political detainees;
- an end to all political executions;
- the expulsion of the SADF from poor townships;
- recall of the state of emergency;
- removal of bans on all the people's organisations.

The release of political prisoners constitutes an important landmark in our long and arduous struggle. We salute these heroes as both products and leaders of our struggle. As we welcome our leaders and rejoice at their release, we shall intensify the mass defiance campaign and escalate our politico-military offensive.

Amandla! Ngaswethu!

Phambili Ngomzabalazo Phambili!

Concordia's Chapter of Amnesty International

Human Rights Now

by Dilip Patel

In South Africa, men, women and children are in prison because they are black; in China, people are in prison because they believe in democracy; in the United States, people (including children) are hanged, poisoned, shot, gassed and even electrocuted to death; and in Latin America thousands have "disappeared" and been tortured. These are only some of the human rights abuses occurring in the world and they demand an international response.

The protection of human rights is a universal responsibility, transcending the boundaries of nation, race and ideology. This is the fundamental belief upon which the work of Amnesty International is based.

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement which seeks the immediate and unconditional release of prisoners of conscience — men and women imprisoned solely for their beliefs, colour, ethnic origin, religion, sex or language provided they have never used nor advocated violence. It seeks fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners. It also opposes torture and the death penalty unconditionally.

Amnesty International achieves its goals by massive letter writing campaigns. It has been proven during its 29 years of existence that international public opinion is successful in releasing prisoners of conscience and stopping torture. It has over 800,000 members in over 150 countries around the world.

The Concordia Chapter of Amnesty International is just over a year old and has received responses from the governments of Brazil and Hungary among many others.

The protection of human rights should be the highest priority of all governments. When human rights are not protected, conflicts arise and society cannot progress. There are many important social issues in the world, but human rights is the umbrella that protects all of them. Very often, the people who want to affect change are the people who are imprisoned and killed. For example, Chico Mendes, a Brazilian ecologist and rubber tapper, was murdered by death squads when he tried to save part of the rainforest.

We are all busy here in North America and we are sometimes ignorant of the terrible things that are happening in the world. Many people say that as long as it does not happen in their backyard, why should they care? WAKE UP!!!

There are people being killed and tortured by their own governments, and imprisoned solely for their beliefs, colour, ethnic origin, and religion. We must help them — be it signing petitions and sending letters to government officials, giving financial contributions, or getting actively involved with a local Amnesty International group.

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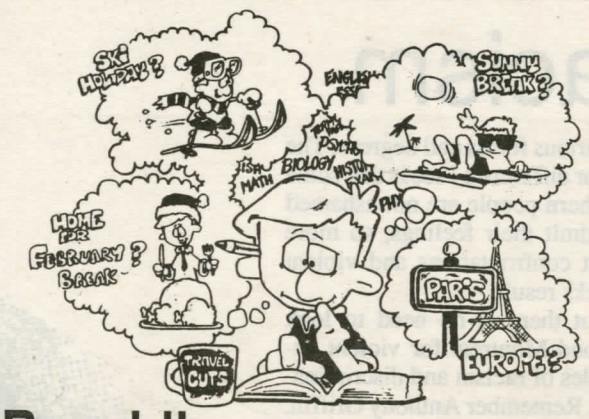

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Sports*beat*

Ice woes continue

by Francois Amyot

The Concordia men's hockey team fell on hard times this weekend when they lost against the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks 5-3 on Friday, and the Waterloo Warriors 5-2, the following day. The Stingers were beaten by better teams. Without a doubt, it was talent and experience that made the difference.

On Friday night, the Stingers came close to stealing at least a tie against the nationally fifth ranked Hawks. It was a rough and tumble game. But, the referee allowed the players to decide the outcome as teams got only one power play opportunity each.

After the game, E.J. Janizewski had these comments:"They are very tough and they're a better team. Most of the teams in the league are bigger than us, so we must play harder. I think we did it tonight. Any team could have won the game. The fourth goal was certainly the turning point."

In the first period, the Stingers shut down the Hawks potent offensive attack. Concordia's defencemen gave them no space to manoeuvre and they were able to get the puck out of their zone easily. Unfortunately for the Stingers, Laurier's defense was just as stingy during a somewhat flat first period.

Richard Laplante opened the scoring with a beautiful wrap-around that fooled Hawks goaltender, Rob Dopson. The goal was the result of intense forechecking by Concordia's forwards.

The Golden Hawks came out strong early in the second period and took the lead on a goal by Sean Davidson, at 5:58. From that point, the Stingers controled the period. Laplante's line came right back with Steve Sonosky getting the equalizer.

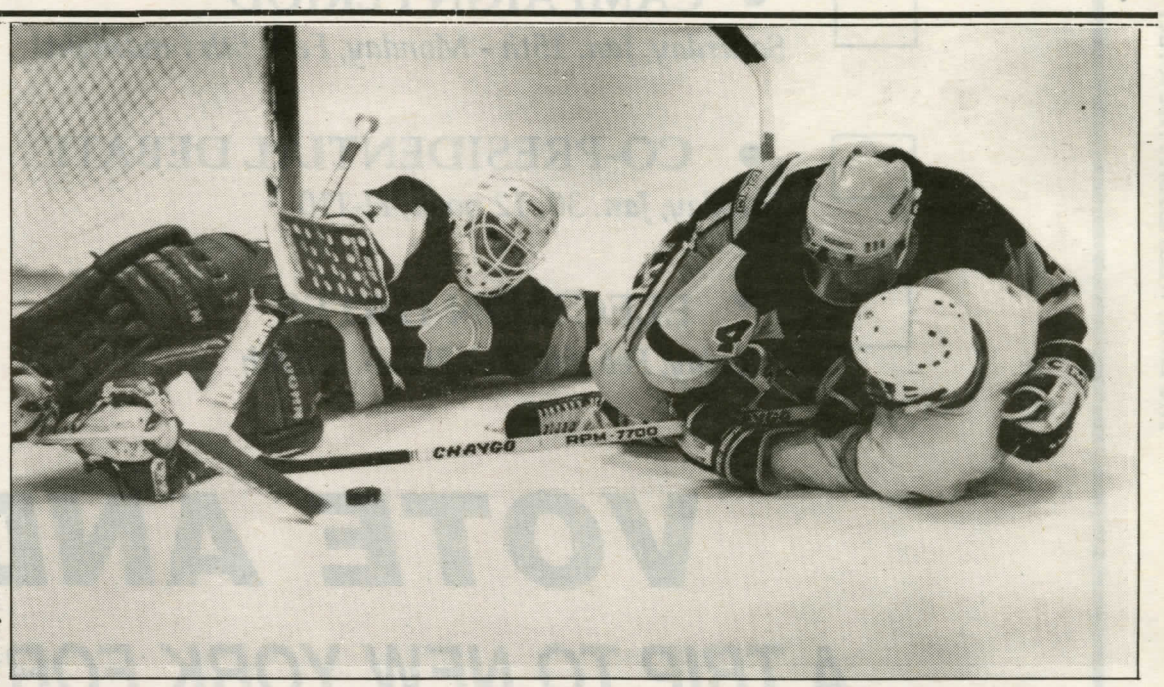
The Stingers were able to regain the lead, when Bob Rowatt skated into the offensive zone and fed a beautiful pass to Scott Kerins who put it in the top corner. Unfortunately for the Stingers, Puhalsky sent the teams back to their dressing rooms, tied at three.

The momentum picked up in the last period. Both goaltenders had to make some tough saves. Rob Desjardins frustrated Puhalsky and Hellstrim on consecutive two on ones. But the all- star of the game got his revenge and pulled the trigger, making it 4-3 Laurier.

On Saturday, the Stingers again collapsed in the third period. Losing three goals to the Warriors. The match was not as close as the score indicates. Waterloo pulled away by scoring two goals in the first four minutes of the final period.

Rob Desjardins was very busy in the nets for the Stingers, he stopped 38 shots. Mark Davidson and Richard Laplante scored for Concordia.

Concordia will next play at home on Friday at 19:30 against the York Yoemen, on Saturday they host the University of Toronto Blues at 2 P.M. Both games are to be played at the Loyola Rink.



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Stinger Steve Sonoski being muscled off the puck by Warriors' defender Brad Geard as Mike Bishop looks on.

On track for the title

by Doug Simms

The women's hockey Stingers were busy last weekend, playing three times in as many days against top U.S. competition, and coming out of it with a loss, a tie, and a win.

The games were tight defensive struggles, with Concordia goaltender Marie-Claude Roy stoning the opposition, allowing a mere four goals against over the three matches.

"Our performance was exceptional and very consistent over the weekend. We were totally exhausted, but we stuck to our game plan," said Stingers assistant coach Julie Healy.

On Thursday night, Providence College got the better of the Stingers by a 3-2 score. Stephanie Ouellette and Maria Pia Chavez scored for Concordia, while Ann Kennedy, Beth Beagan, and Cammi Granato, replied for Providence.

The rematch on Friday afternoon resulted in a 1-1 tie, as Laura Leslie tallied for the Stingers and Granato netted one for Providence. Concordia had a 43-23 advantage in shots on net, but goalie Shannon Sweezey came up big for Providence, stopping 20 shots in the third period.

On Saturday, Debbie Woods-Turner scored the lone goal as the Stingers shut out the St. Lawrence Saints 1-0, despite being outshot by a margin of 26-22.

The Stingers usually win their games by a wide margin over the Canadian schools, who do not seem to provide sufficient competition for the powerful Concordia squad. The Stingers ability to compete with these American teams is a more impressive gauge of their talent. Providence is ranked first in the NCAA, and had eight more players on their roster than the Stingers for the two games.

The Stingers travel to Lennoxville on Wednesday for a match against Bishop's Gaiters.

The teams have played once already this season, with Concordia emerging as 7-2 winners. However, the Stingers are not taking anything for granted. "They are a very competitive team. If we don't come up with a good game, anybody can beat us," Healy said.

On Friday, the Stingers will take on their crosstown rivals, the McGill Martlets at McGill. They are home on Saturday for a game against John Abbott at noon.

Hoopsters suffer first loss

by Paul Graif

In an 87-86 heartbreaker, the Stingers men's basketball team lost their first game of the season last Tuesday against Bishops.

Concordia ran their record to 10 wins and only one loss, as the Gaiters tied them for top spot in the OUAA eastern division, threatening the Stingers hopes of going to the nationals.

Concordia had a terrible first half against Bishops. They were down 47-33 going into the locker room. The Stingers only had 11 rebounds and shot a horrendous 12 of 30 from the floor.

"When you play a team like Bishop's, you have to play two strong halves, if not you can't win. You may be able to get away with it against weaker competition, but not here," said assisstant coach Harvey Liverman.

Concordia showed a lot of character by coming back in the second half and forcing an extra period. They were led by Dino Perin, who seemed to be the only bright spot on the evening scoring 23 points and adding 14 rebounds.

Not surprisingly the Gaiters were led once again in scoring by guard David King who had 26 points, and forward Pierre Tiblin who poured in 21.

First year guard Robert Ferguson said: "It was a tough loss, but I think we needed to lose."

"A loss like that! Sure it hurts, but, it is healthy to lose a ballgame at this point in the year. It sets up a good rivalry for Concordia and Bishop's," added Liverman.

Because of this loss, the division is turning into a very tight and exciting race, that should go down to the last weekend of the season when Concordia and McGill play a home and home series. The Redmen have a 8-2 record in league action.

Fortunately, the Stingers will get to avenge themselves against the Gaiters during a Jan. 30 home game, in what will probably be an exciting and hard fought contest.

On the weekend, Concordia rolled over Queen's and York, beating them 77-52 and 95-80 respectively. The Stingers were led by Ernie Rosa, who had a career weekend of sorts. He scored 21 points against Queen's and added 11 at York.

With seven games remaining in the regular season, the Stingers have a chance to rest until they hit the road to square off against the very talented Varsity Blues From Toronto on Friday January 26.

Sports*briefs*

Strength does not necessarily exist in numbers, as was proven by wrestling star Rob Dawson, the only Stinger to attend the Guelph invitational on Saturday. Dawson came home a victor in the 57kg class. His opponents included national champion, Mitch Osenberg. The team next travels to New Brunswick for the U.N.B. Invitational, Jan. 27.

The alpine ski season got off to a fast start this past weekend, as olympic skier and Concordia newcomer, Julie Klotz, grabbed a silver medal in the first race of the season. Overall, the Stingers took third place in the team standings behind Universite de Montreal and McGill. The next race is on the 27th and 28th of January.

The Women's basketball team came close to snapping their prolonged losing streak Saturday against Bishop's. Despite playing their best game of the season, they came up on the short end of a 51-46 score. The Stingers were led by Isabelle Tetrault who poured in a game high 19 points. The Lady Stingers next game is at home Friday night at 8 P.M., where they will get a chance to avenge that loss.

The Women's Volleyball team is preparing to wrap up their season this Saturday with the Concordia Invitational at the Loyola Gym.

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